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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-17 and 19-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukushima (US2002/0038400).

Regarding claim 1, Fukushima anticipates a mobile terminal comprising:

- a) a first interface adapted to facilitate communications via a wired connection to a first communication network (10 of Fig. 4);
- b) a second interface adapted to facilitate local wireless communications via a second communication network (8 of Fig. 4); and
- c) a control system operatively associated with the first and second interfaces and adapted to:
 - i) establish communication sessions over the first and second communication networks via the first and second interfaces (Figs. 5-6, paragraph 0090); and
 - ii) select the first interface for establishing the communication sessions over the first communication network, when the wired connection via the first interface is available (Figs. 5-6, paragraph 0090).

Regarding claim 19, Fukushima anticipates a method as explained in response to claim 1 above.

Regarding claims 2 and 20, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 1 and 19

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to determine if the wired connection via the first interface is available (paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 3 and 21, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 1 and 19.

Fukushima also anticipates communications via the first interface are associated with a first address and communications via the second interface are associated with a second address (inherent in paragraph 0090, wireless router in Figs. 5-6 would assign an IP address to both wireless and wired individually).

Regarding claims 4 and 22, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 3 and 21.

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to register with a service node in association with the first address when the wired connection via the first communication interface is available (Fig. 5, paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 5 and 23, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 4 and 22.

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to register with the service node in association with the second address when the wired connection via the first interface is not available (Fig. 6, paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 6 and 24, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 4 and 22.

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Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to register with the service node in association with the second address prior to the wired connection via the first interface becoming unavailable (paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 7 and 25, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 4 and 22.

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to register with the service node in association with the second address prior to initiating local wireless communications via the second interface (paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 8 and 26, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 3 and 22.

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to obtain the first address after detecting an ability to communicate via the first communication interface, and obtain the second address after detecting an ability to communicate via the second communication interface (paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 9 and 27, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 1 and 19.

Fukushima also anticipates the first communication interface is a docking interface adapted to couple to a docking station, which connects to the first communication network such that the wired connection is facilitated through the docking station (paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 10 and 28, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 9 and 27.

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Fukushima also anticipates the first communication interface further comprises a network interface coupled to the docking interface (paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 11 and 29, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 9 and 27.

Fukushima also anticipates the docking station comprises a network interface (10 of Fig. 4).

Regarding claims 12 and 30, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 1 and 19.

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to:

a) establish a first session for a communication with an entity via the first interface, the first session identified with first indicia associated with the communication (S211 of Fig. 8, paragraph 0090);

b) determine communications via the first interface will no longer be possible (S107 of Fig. 7, paragraph 0090); and

c) initiate and establish a second session for the communication with the entity via the second interface, the second session identified with the first indicia (S109 of Fig. 7, paragraph 0090).

Regarding claims 13 and 31, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 12 and 30.

Fukushima also anticipates determining communications via the first interface will no longer be possible, the control system is adapted to detect being removed from a docking station, which is coupled to the first communication network (Fig. 7).

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Regarding claims 14 and 32, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 12 and 30.

Fukushima also anticipates determining communications via the first interface will no longer be possible, the control system is adapted to detect being removed from being directly coupled to the first communication network (Fig. 7).

Regarding claims 15 and 33, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 12 and 30.

Fukushima also anticipates determining communications via the first interface will no longer be possible, the control system is adapted to detect a signal sent from a docking station, which is coupled to the first communication network and coupled to the mobile terminal (Fig. 7).

Regarding claims 16 and 34, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 12 and 30.

Fukushima also anticipates the control system is further adapted to:

- a) determine communications via the first interface are available (Fig. 8); and
- b) initiate and establish a third session for the communication with the entity via the first interface, the third session for the communication identified with the first indicia (S210-S211 of Fig. 8).

Regarding claims 17 and 35, Fukushima anticipates the limitations of claims 12 and 30.

Fukushima also anticipates the first session is associated with a first address for the mobile terminal and the second session is associated with a second address for the mobile terminal (Figs 7-8, paragraph 0090).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 18 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukushima (US2002/0038400) in view of Frelburger et al. (US Patent#6475146).

Regarding claims 18 and 36, Fukushima teaches the limitations of claims 1 and 19.

But, Fukushima does not expressly disclose further comprising providing a cellular interface operatively associated with the control system to facilitate cellular communications.

Frelburger et al. teach a mobile terminal and method comprising providing a cellular interface operatively associated with the control system to facilitate cellular communications (column 6 line 49 to column 7 line 10).


Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate cellular interface taught by Frelburger et al. into the mobile terminal and method of Fukushima, in order to facilitate telephony service.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zhiyu Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2837. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays: 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vuong Quochien can be reached on (571) 272-7902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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